

## ABSTRACT

Child abuse is maltreatment in raising child; almost all of the doers of this maltreatment are the parents themselves. They don't give any attention and worry about their own child condition while doing that maltreatment, even if the treatment will cause bad severe injure and even will bring death to the victim. Child abuse victims will get bad impacts of the treatment. So, I do this research to describe about the psychological impacts for the victim of child abuse to adjust in the new circumstances where they will live as reflected in the novel *The Lost Boy*. A main character in *The Lost Boy* is the author himself whom became the victim of child abuse.

First, I would explain about the reason why I am interested in doing the research of the novel *The Lost Boy* and look for the psychological term in chapter one. Then I will explain about the story and of course about the author of the novel, Dave Pelzer. I also explain about child abuse and the psychological impact.

The second is to give the theory used in literary review that links to the topic that I research. In the literary review there are definitions about child abuse and other psychological theories that described the cause of being the victim of child abuse.

Finally, in chapter three I describe the psychological impact of child abuse victim and the way he tries to adjust in his new family, I also analyze the way he tries to get acknowledgement in his new living place.

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